

Younkin Family News Bulletin

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Donna Younkin Logan, Publisher

Dear Cousins,

It's been a long winter and boy am I ready for Spring. I just can't wait to start tromping around in graveyards, gathering records in courthouses and attending multitudes of reunions!

I have been pleased with the renewals that have come in, nearly all of you re-subscribed at the "sustaining level" I just can't tell you how much that means to me. First it means that you really support all the efforts myself and all the cousins have gone to for so many years. Second, that you enjoy the newsletter! That means the most to me — yes, it's a lot of work, but when I get the support from all of you that you have shown over the past year, it makes every minute worthwhile.

In case you haven't guessed by now the *famous* YOUNKIN mentioned in the last newsletter is — Shirley Jones. See Janet B. Felo's story in this issue.

I tried to get a story together for this month of Jacob, the son of Johan Heinrich and Catherine Scherer Junghen, but alas there just wasn't room — next issue.

I am in need of the wills and estate records for the 2nd and 3rd generation Younkins (most of which are in Somerset County Courthouse). These are needed to write the stories on these generations. I just got word that the Somerset courthouse will now only let researchers copy from microfilm copies — which produce the absolute worst copies. This spring I will be going up there to copy the ones that I don't as yet have so any I could obtain prior to this trip would be appreciated.

I would like to reserve the front page for wedding portraits or our Younkins — so if you have one that you would like to submit, please do so.

I received a letter from the Library of Congress requesting copies of our YOUNKIN FAMILY NEWS BULLETIN for their collection...for posterity we will now be on the shelves of the library until the end of time! (they even paid the postage!)

Of all the issues thus far this one will probably be the most confusing. Mostly because researchers are still trying to sort out who belongs to who in the families of Frederick G. and John M. Younkin, brothers and sons of Johan Heinrich Junghen. Please bear with us as we sort through the records but enjoy the stories for what they are — memories!

The article on Phillip Pringey is wonderful and is representative of all of the families that braved the unknown frontiers in the 1800s — not to mention that quite a number of our subscribers are both YOUNKIN & PRINGEYS!

**Everyone enjoys Photographs !
Why not gather your family
together this spring for a
family portrait**

Wedding Portrait



Karst & Catherine Younkin

Married in Kansas City, Missouri on Nov. 30, 1929

[Karst Eugene Younkin⁶, William Eugene Younkin⁵, Aaron Schrock Younkin⁴, Dr. Jonas Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henry Junghen¹]

Coming in the next issue...

- YFNB survey results
- Younkins in the Revolutionary War
- Younkin Coat of Arms
- For love of a woman...A Younkin Murdered
- The First 1990s Younkin Family Reunion plans





Wilfred and Gertrude Burns

[Gertrude Jones⁷, Sarah Blanche Katherine Younkin⁶, Jefferson Younkin⁵, Charles L. Younkin⁴, George Younkin³, John M. Younkin², Henry Junghen¹]

Searching for.....

Robert Arlington Younkin — b. 24 Aug 1911 d. 1 Mar 1985 in North Liberty, In. (buried Jersey Cemetery, Ursina, Somerset Co., Pa.). Parents: John W. and Leona Younkin; Sons: John of South Bend, In.; Ronald C. of North Liberty, In.; sisters: Ruth Griffith of Somerset, Pa., Irene Smith of Minn.; half brother: Vernon McCully of Confluence, Pa. [most of this information came from Robert A.'s obituary in the Somerset Co. newspaper — can you trace his ancestry?]

Etta Younkin Cunningham — b. 29 Apr 1917 d. 15 May 1973 bur. Jersey Cemetery, wife of David Cunningham. She had a son, Chester. Who were her parents?

Bits & Pieces

Ardrith James, Redlands, Ca. — Ann Elizabeth Younkin, b. 9 Jun 1890 in Turkeyfoot Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.; d. 20 Apr 1900 in Buffalo Mills, Pa.; m. Joseph Warren Elder on 2 Apr 1863 in Schellsburg. Joseph b. 12 Oct 1829 in Cumberland Valley, Pa.; died 30 Mar. 1900 in Buffalo Mills, Pa.

Their two children were: Warren Pendleton Elder and Margaret Elder b. 11 Jan 1864 in Buffalo Mills, Pa.; d. 1 Apr, 1953 Berkeley, Ca., bur. Los Angeles, Ca.; m. William Henry Elliott b. 2 Jan 1860 in Somerville, Mass.; d. 28 Feb 1917 in Whittier, Ca. Margaret and William Elliott had at least one daughter, Maurine Elliott b. 27 Sep, 1891 in Kearney, Ne., she married Ralph James.

[Anne Elizabeth Younkin⁵, David Younkin⁴, Henry Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henry Junghen¹]



JEFFERSON YOUNKEN

[original in possession of Gertrude & Wilfred BURNS]

[Jefferson Younkin⁵, Charles L. Younkin⁴, George Younkin³, John M. Younkin², Henry Junghen¹]



Silver Anniversary for Younkings

Terry and Elaine Younkin, Rockwood, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this month.

Mrs. Younkin, the former Helen Elaine Leasock, was born in Quemahoning Twp. She is the daughter of Stephen Leasock, Stoytown.

Terry was born in Rockwood. He is the son of Julia Younkin Kaloduka, Baltimore, Md.

They were married in the parsonage of the Gospel Church by the Rev. C.H. Wakeman, Cumberland, Md.

The couple first lived as newlyweds in Rockwood, and have lived at their present home for 22 years.

They attend St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Rockwood.

They are the parents of two children: Jill married to Thomas Odorich, Beale Air Force Base, Calif., and Kristi M. Younkin, Rockwood.

The anniversary was celebrated Sep. 16 at the Grace United Methodist Church, Somerset.

Terry enjoys gardening and his wife, sewing, crafts and crocheting.

[Daily American—Somerset, Pa.—Oct. 30, 1990]

[Terry Younkin⁸, William Chalmers Younkin⁷, Harvey C. Younkin⁶, William Lincoln Younkin⁵, Frederick J. Younkin⁴, Jacob W. Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henry Junghen¹]

In Memory of

Catherine Younklin

Memorial services were held for Mrs. Catherine Brown Younklin, 84, of 5820 Genesis Ln., Frederick, Md., on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 15, at the Funeral Home of Robert E. Daily & Son, 1201 N. Market St., Frederick, Md. The Rev. Fr. A. D. Salmon Jr., rector of All Saints Episcopal Church officiated.

Mrs. Younklin died Friday, Jan. 11, 1991, at Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick, Md. She was the beloved wife of Karst Eugene Younklin to whom she was married Nov. 30, 1929, in Kansas City, Mo.

Born Feb. 9, 1906, in Deadwood, S.D., she was a daughter of the late Samuel Willis and Laura Vesta Bobbitt Brown.

Mrs. Younklin graduated in 1930 from the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science in the School of Business Administration.

She retired in 1969 from 30 years service with the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

She was a life member of the Phi Chi Theta Fraternity.

Surviving besides her husband are two children, Karst Eugene Younklin Jr. of Gaithersburg and Donald Edgar Younklin of Frederick; eight grandchildren: Donna Logan of Thurmont, Md.; Marilyn Wojcik of West Chester, Oh.; Jeannie Younklin-Miller of Richmond, Va.; Virginia Connolly of Woodsboro, Md.; Cary Morgan of Churchton, Md.; William Younklin of Cecil, Ala.; Laura Younklin of Atlanta, Ga.; and Wanda Hammer of Marysville, Wash.

She is also survived by 15 great-grandchildren: Jennifer and Joshua Logan; Christopher Kuhn; Derek and Devon Younklin-Miller; Sean and Shannon Connolly; Christopher Morgan; William and Michelle Younklin; and Jeffrey, Samuel, Andria, Melissa and Kristin Hammer.

George Younkins

Funeral services were held for George (Dike) Younkins, 78, of the Kepple Hill section of Parks Twp., on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Dunmire-Kerr Funeral Home, 244 Franklin Ave., Vandergrift.

Mr. Younkins died Friday, Nov. 2, 1990, at Allegheny Valley Hospital, Natrona Heights, Harrison.

Mr. Younkins was born Dec. 27, 1911, in Vandergrift. He lived in the Vandergrift area all his life.

He was the son of George and Nell (Kerr) Younkins, who are both deceased.

Mr. Younkins worked 43 years at the Vandergrift U.S. Steel plant. He was a foreman in the finishing plant.

He was a charter member of the Reformation Lutheran Church in Pleasant View.

He was a member of the BPO Elks in Apollo.

He enjoyed reading.

Mr. Younkins was preceded in death by his wife, Irma (Walker) Younkins, who died April 15, 1990.

Survivors include two brothers, Richard, of California, and Harold Younkins of Kepple Hill.

The Rev. Richard Hopf, his pastor, officiated. Interment was in Greenwood Memorial, Lower Burrell.

(Valley News Dispatch—Apollo, Pa.— Sat., Nov. 3, 1990)

Myrl Ream

Memorial services were held for Myrl Leroy Ream, 73, of 114 Jentry Ct., Palmyra, Pa. (Campbelltown), on Monday, Nov. 12, at the Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Ream died Nov. 8, 1990, at his residence.

Born Dec. 2, 1916, in Upper Turkeyfoot Twp., son of the late Fred Albert and Alice Jane (Younkin) Ream.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lucille A. Byrd, and these children; Allan J. Ream, San Diego, Calif.; Malcolm L. Ream, Fall Church, Va.; Ms. Judy Ream, and John B. Ream both of Campbelltown, and Mrs. Sally (Ream) Wrenn, Annandale, Va.; also two grandsons; brother, Ray Ream, and sister, Mrs. Albert Faye Romesburg both of RD 1, Markleton.

Former manager of Somerset Farm Bureau Cooperative, a district manager of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative, retired manager of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers, Inc. WWII U.S. Army veteran having served in the 95th Division Co. F —378th infantry, European Theatre, a member of the Spring Creek Church of the Brethren, Hershey, Pa.

The Rev. Gerald Deffenbaugh officiated. Interment was in Somerset County Memorial Park.

(Daily American—Somerset, Pa.—Nov. 10, 1990)



40th Anniversary

This family portrait was taken commemorating the 40th anniversary of Merrill V. and Dorothy V. Younklin on Dec. 22, 1986. Shown from the left: daughter, Jayne Ann Younklin, Dorothy V. (Kerbs) Younklin, Merrill Vernon Younklin, and son, Keith Allison Younklin.

[Merrill Vernon Younklin⁴, Charles Franklin Younklin⁴, John Dietz Younklin⁴, Samuel Younklin³, Jacob Younklin², Henry Junghen¹]

Sanner Church Records ...

Baptisms of our early ancestors

Church records provide us with some of the birth information on our Somerset County families. Below you will find every entry for the YOUNKIN surname, irregardless of how it was misspelled, in the book: *Early Baptismal Records of the Sanner Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Church 1782-1850, Somerset County, Pennsylvania—also records of Mull's Church*, compiled and indexed by Dorothy Yoder Coffman [1988]. The Sanner Church Records were Translated by E. C. Saylor of Berlin, Pa. during the spring of 1926. Assistance was given by Mrs. Emilie Pollnow Wilkow of Goldapp, East Prussia, Germany, who in 1926 was residing in Berlin, Pa. [NOTE: if only one date is given it is not known whether it is the birth or baptismal date—if these single date were birth dates, as the book seems to indicate, there is a problem with the entry for Elizabeth and Samuel, children of Jacob and Johanna YOUNKIN, both would be born in 1797 and two months apart - I would tend to believe these dates to be, at least in the case of Elizabeth and Samuel to be baptismal dates]:

The chapter: "Sanner Luther Reformed Church Baptisms, 1782-1850" shows the following:

David, son of Henry and Elizabeth YOUNKIN, born 5 Jun 1814, sponsors were John and Mary WEIMER

Isaac, son of Jacob and Salome YOUNKIN, born 24 Apr 1814, bapt. 2 Oct 1814, sponsor was John PHILLIPPI. [please note : this Jacob is the son of Jacob and Johanna YOUNKIN, his wife Salome, or as she is most often found in records "Sarah", was the daughter of Frederick Weimer—this Isaac, their son, has often been confused with his father's brother, also called Isaac.]

Elizabeth, daughter of John YOUNKIN and wife, born 30 Dec 1814, bapt. 25 May 1815, sponsors were George and Christena DULL

Frederick, son of Fred YOUNKIN and wife, born 3 Nov 1801, bapt. 11 Apr 1802, sponsors were parents

In 1803 John and Katherine YOUNKIN were listed as sponsors at the baptism of Christina, daughter of Jacob and Mary FETTER

Katherine, daughter of Fred. and Katherine YOUNKIN, born 16 Apr 1803, bapt. 30 May 1803, sponsors were John and Katherine YOUNKIN

Mary, daughter of Fred and Katherine YOUNKIN, born 28 Jul 1815, bapt. 22 Oct 1815, sponsors were John and Elizabeth DULL

Phoebe, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth YOUNKIN, born 12 Jan 1816, bapt. 2 Jun 1816, sponsor was Henry YOUNKIN

In 1808 Fred YOUNKIN and wife were listed as sponsors for the baptism of Frederick, son of Peter and Elizabeth ANSEL

Jacob, son of John and Magdalena YOUNKIN, born 6 Apr 1808, bapt. 3 Jul 1808, sponsors were Jacob YOUNKIN and wife

Sally, daughter of Fred and Katherine YOUNKIN, born 8 Jan 1808, bapt. 3 Jul 1808, sponsor was Peter ANSEL

In 1809 John and Catherine YOUNKIN were listed as sponsors for the baptism of Sarah, daughter of Michael and Catherine Ansel

In 1809 Jacob and Hannah YOUNKIN were listed as sponsors for the baptism of Elizabeth, daughter of John and Catherine FIRESTONE

Rachel, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth YOUNKIN, 20 Jun 1812, sponsor was Barbara WEIMER

Susanna, daughter of John and Mary YOUNKIN, 10 Dec 1811, sponsor was Hannah YOUNKIN

In 1817 Henry YOUNKIN and Cath. DORSTHIN__? were listed as sponsors for Maria, daughter of Michael and Catherine ANSEL

Elias, son of Jacob, born 11 Jan 1816, bapt. 7 Sep 1817, sponsors were John YOUNKIN and wife

Catherine, daughter of John and Ginny YOUNKIN, born 16 Jan 1817, bapt. 16 Nov 1817, sponsor was Catherine YOUNKIN (nee CONNEL)

Sally, daughter of Henry YOUNKIN, born 7 Oct 1817, bapt. 24 May 1818, sponsor was Betsy YOUNKIN

Elizabeth, daughter of John YOUNKIN and wife, born 25 Jun 1821, bapt. 20 Jan 1822, sponsors were Adam SCHNEIDER and wife

In 1830 Catherine YOUNKIN was listed as sponsor for the baptism of Marian Catherine, daughter of Henry and Catherine LEHNER

Franklin, son of Fred and Mary YOUNKIN, born 4 Apr 1830, bapt. 20 Jun 1830, sponsors were not listed

John Gebhart, son of Fred and Mary YOUNKIN, born 16 Feb 1832, bapt. 15 Jul 1832, sponsors were John GEBHART and wife

Communicants for the date 30 Oct 1819, Rev. Jacob CRIGLER:

— Frederick YOUNKIN

— Catherine YOUNKIN

New members, Reformed, 1824

— Sarah YOUNKIN

New members, 1825

— Henry YOUNKIN

New members, 6 Dec 1828, Rev. Jacob Crigler

— Peg YOUNKIN

— Nancy YOUNKIN

The chapter: "Baptismal Records Church Book Reformed for both of the Evangelical Congregations of Milford Township, Somerset County, Pa. 1795-1850" shows:

Christina, daughter of Frederick and Katherine YUNKEN, born 16 Aug 1795, bapt. 23 Feb 1797, sponsors were John and Elizabeth KUBERG

Elizabeth, daughter of Fredrick and Katherine YUNKEN, 13 Mar 1796, sponsors were Jacob and Johanna YUNKEN

Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Johanna YUNKEN, 15 Jun 1797, sponsors John and Anna Maria HERTZEL

Samuel, son of Jacob and Johanna YUNKEN, 18 Aug 1797, sponsors Frederick and Katherine YUNKEN

Maria Catherine, daughter of Jacob and Johanna YUNKEN, 28 Jul 1798, sponsors were the parents

Magdalena, daughter of Frederick and Katherine YUNKEN, 17 Mar 1799, sponsors Jacob and Johanna YUNKEN

In 1827 Frederick and Mary YUNKIN were listed as sponsors for Hiram, son of Jacob and Hetty HUMBERT

Jacob, son of Fredrick and Maria YUNKIN, born 17 Feb 1828, bapt. 27 Apr. 1828, sponsors were the parents

The Yonkin family of Dushore, Pa.

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Dear Larry and Donna,

The name has been spelled variously; Yonkin, Younkun, Jungken, even misspelled (?) Lunkin in the 1850 census. One line of the family is now spelled Younkun, but the immigrant of that line was Johann Heinrich Jungken of Bucks Co., Pa. The line which we are concerned with was the Henry Yonkin Sr. line from Cassel (or nearby) in the Province of Hesse, Nassau, Germany.

Henry Yonkin Sr. was born May 5, 1777 in or near Cassel in the Province of Hesse-Nassau, Germany. He married Elizabeth Haines while in Germany, she being born Dec. 7, 1782. They came to America in 1807 but prior to sailing on the long journey trouble arose which unnecessarily caused them to be detained a year before starting. The Captain of the vessel upon which they sailed, one of those rascals that lie in wait for inexperienced travelers, defrauded them of their small capital they possessed and so, upon landing, they were sold to a farmer at Bethlehem, Pa. to pay for their passage. They remained with this man a short time and then moved to Briar Creek Township, Columbia Co., Pa. In 1823 they came to what was then known as Muncy Township, Lycoming Co., [now Cherry Twp., Sullivan Co.] Pa.

1—Henry Yonkin Sr. b. 5 May 1777 d. 8 Jun 1851;
m. Elizabeth Haines b. 7 Dec. 1782 d. 13 Jul 1861
Both are buried in Peace Cemetery near Dushore, Pa. Both have markers.

Children of Henry and Elizabeth:

- 1) Henry Jr. b. 13 Jan 1806 d. 29 Dec 1889;
m. 1827 to Barbara Hartzig b. 2 Jun 1802 d. 7 Oct 1891;
both are buried Peace Cemetery.
- 2) John b. 1 Apr 1809 d. 26 Nov 1891
- 3) Joseph b. Nov 1812 d. 21 Feb 1879
- 4) Elizabeth b. 4 May 1814 d. 7 Mar 1907 m. 1831
- 5) Catherine b. 11 Sep 1816 d. 17 Oct 1897
- 6) Jacob b. 4 Dec 1821 d. 26 Mar 1900
- 7) Peter b. 2 Dec 1821 d. 9 Jun 1897 m. 12 Sep 1843

The above history was submitted by Robert J. Yonkin, with some corrections by Arnold Kunes, both of near Dushore, Pa. and enclosed was the following letter:

More on Younkins of Lycoming County, Pa.

The following is a letter from Gary Younkun, of RD 1, Box 179-A, Trout Run, Pa., received Nov. 1, 1990. He writes:
Dear Donna,

Sorry I took so long to get back to you, but I did dig up some information. According to the 1880 census David Younkun (age 32) was listed as having a wife (L.J. age 23), B. A. (or Boyd Alfred, age 4, my great-grandfather), and Frank (age 2). Also listed as living in the household at that time was George (age 74). I assume he was David's father. When I tried to find his record of birth, the records of the county only date back to 1893...

Here are some bits of info I did manage to find in the 1820-1830 census & 1880 Lycoming County, Loyalsock Twp., in Pa.:

1820 (Loyalsock)—Henry Yunkun—
3 white males; 1 white female

1830 Henry Yunkun —
2 males ages 5-10 yrs
1 male age 15-20 yrs
1 male age 20-30 yrs

1830 Henry Yunkun Jr.
male 20-30
wife
child under 5 yrs

The Yonkin reunion is no longer held in Penns Grove, we now hold the reunion in the basement of the United Church of Christ, German St., Dushore, the last Sunday of July. There are only about 25 attending anymore. Visitors are always welcome.

We own most of the old Yonkin homestead which Henry Yonkin Sr. settled in 1825.

I am sending you most of the information that my mother collected over the years — my mother was Ada Henshaw Yonkin, wife of Howard Yonkin.

We live on a farm 1-1/2 miles west of Dushore which belonged to my grandmother on my mother's side. My youngest son, William, now owns and operates, at present we milk about 65 cows.

I have a nephew who now lives in Enid, Ok. who was in Saudi Arabia working for an airplane company, who visited the library in Dusseldorf, Germany looking for old records about the Yonkins in Germany before they came to this country, but I don't know what he found if anything.

My grandson, Michael Garver is getting married May 11, in Skaneateles, N.Y. also a granddaughter, Lisa Yonkin daughter of William R. Yonkin, Dushore, is getting married June 19th.

Karen Yonkin, daughter of C. Jacob Yonkin was married Dec. 22, 1990 to Mark S. Evangelisti, Dushore R.D.

Roger Yonkin, of Ithaca, N.Y. — Roger is attempting to put all the information he has and can find in his computer and print it out.

I am enclosing a check for a yrs subscription to the *Yonkin magazine*.

The information enclosed [20 pages] does not go beyond 1976! The reunion books are more up-to-date.

Your cousins,
Robert J. and Evelyn C. Yonkin
RR 2481
Dushore, Pa. 18614

1880 (Woodward Twp.) John Younkun
40 yrs old; occup. carpenter
1880 (Woodward Twp.) Linden, Pa.
Charles age 35
U. B. (wife) age 23
ancc(?) daughter age 4
E. G. son age 1-1/2
Hope this will help in some way. I'll look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,
Gary R. Younkun

A previous chart, submitted by Gary, shows his ancestry to be:
Gary Royal Younkun (1955-) m. Cathy Nittinger
Alfred Boyd Younkun (1922-) m. Marion Myers
Alfred E. Younkun (1900-1975) m. Dora White
Boyd Alfred Younkun (1875-1973) m. Sadie Hauser
David Younkun (?-?) m. Jane Marshall

Their children were: Boyd A., Walter William, Frank, Omev, Della (m. Herm Schriver), Hattie (never married).
Gary appreciates any help our readers might have for him.

In search of Shirley Jones' ancestry...

John K. RUSH (b. 30 Apr 1810), son of William RUSH (1784-1870) and Sarah KILPARTICK, married #1 Sarah PINKERTON and m. #2 Civillia (Sivillia) YOUNKIN.

[Source: The Family of Jacob Rush — Laurel Messenger, p.3, Nov. 1975 issue, pub. by the Somerset, Pa. Hist. and Gen. Society]

The following is from letters received from Janet B. Felo, 131 Ridge Ave., Freedom, Pa. 15042.—Of John and Civilla's children we only have:

- 1) Margorie Victoria RUSH (1854-1918) m. John Martin WILLIAMS (1848-1914), son of James H. WILLIAMS (1816-1901) and Rebecca KILDOWN.
- 2) Mary RUSH m. Marcel BROUGHER
- 3) Alice RUSH

Marjorie V. RUSH and John Martin WILLIAMS', of Uniontown, Fayette Co., Pa., of their children we have:

- 1) Lulu Lavena (1877-1952) m. #1 Milton Melvin Hancy [ancestors of Janet B. Felo]
m. #2 Charles Llewellyn JOHNSTON
- 2) Osicola (1879-1956) m. Walter WILLIAMS
- 3) James Arthur (1882-1960)
m. #1 Mary COUGHANOUR, m. #2 Julia ?.

4) John Andrew (1886-1955) m. Mary ROBINSON

5) Ina Lee (1884-1965) m. Clarence CHRISTNER

*6) Charles Harold (1888-1947) m. Sarah SMILEY

7) Elsie Venor (1893-1895) died of scarlet fever

8) Alex Ewing (1895-1962)

m. #1 Sarah McKNIGHT-SHIFTBAR (div.)

m. #2 Ruth ?

Charles Harold WILLIAMS and Sarah SMILEY had four children: Nellie, Harold and Marjorie WILLIAMS, Marjorie married Paul JONES of Smithton, Pa. They are the parents of actress Shirley JONES. Charles and Sarah lived for sometime at 720 Washington Ave., Charleroi, Pa." In a letter Janet received from Nellie WILLIAMS in 1975 we have, "My sisters are good. Ina lives in Detroit, Michigan—she is a widow, she is supervisor of Saks Fifth Ave. there. Marge, who was named after your great-grandmother WILLIAMS, is living in Fort Lauderdale, Florida—she is the mother of Shirley JONES—the movie star—she is remarried, Shirley's father passed away 11 yrs ago....with love, Nellie Bower."

Early settlers of Perry & Fairfield Co., Ohio

From *History of Fairfield & Perry County, Ohio—their Past and Present* by A. A. Graham (1883).

Page 172—"It is said that James Black was the first settler in this township, who must have come before 1812, but how long before is unknown. He settled near where Porterville now stands. As early as 1815 came the father of Jacob Hearing and settled, a neighbor to James Black. The following is a list of the first settlers, as could best be obtained from the available records: Benjamin Tatman, Bartholomew Tatman, John G. Hearing, David Worley, Charles Crook, Samuel Ogburn, John B. Holcorab, Benjamin Morgan, Lawson Teal, Samuel Worley, James Palmer, Edward Conner, James Montgomery, Isaac Kent, Michael Longstreth, William Lashley, Andrew Woods, John Younkin, Thomas Tatman, John A. Hearing, Samuel Younkin, William J. Moore, Elisha Palmer, Matthew Palmer, Leon Strait, William Tatman, John Montgomery, John Thrapp, L. J. Baker, Ezekiel Rose, John J. Jackson, David Little, Lloyd Teal, and John Handsley. These people came from the Eastern states and the Old Country; consequently, were a mixture of various nations."

Page 173—"As James Black is considered the first settler, it is altogether probable that around him gathered the first neighborhood, on a farm owned at the time by Jesse Simmer, and now owned by Ephraim Bennett. The first school teachers there were, first of all, Abraham Striker, Samuel Younkin soon thereafter. ...

Page 594—"Younkin, E. P., Pleasant township, Moxahala, carpenter, born September, 1842, in Bearfield township; son of John and Margaret (Trout) Younkin, both natives of Pennsylvania. His father came to this State in 1818, entered a farm in Bearfield township and became one of the wealthiest farmers in that township. He was in the War of 1812, and died July 12, 1881, aged 90 years. When the subject of this sketch grew to manhood he went to Illinois, remained there nineteen months and the rest of the three years he spent in the west he lived in Iowa; he then returned to Perry where he remained one year, then came back to Moxahala, where he still resides. June 7, 1873, he married Miss Agnes McCall, daughter of Matthew and Levina (Gaddis) McCall, of Morgan County, and of scotch descent.



James & Margaret (Younkin) Black

[Photo courtesy of Robert Steele of Alliance, Oh.]

[Robert Steele⁷, Hilda Black⁶, William Ellsworth Black⁵, Margaret Younkin⁴, John Younkin³, Rudolph Younkin², Henry Junghen¹]

Social Security A Wealth of Knowledge for our Younklin Family

Longest lived Younklin:*

Ray Younklin — born 4 Mar 1884 - died Jan. 1988.

Most common given names:*

Charles, Anna, Clarence, Harry, William, George, Harold, John, Mary, Edward.

[*based on Social Security death records obtained from Cambridge Statistical Research Associates, Inc (CSRA); 760 Wheeling Ave., Cambridge, Ohio 43725. There may have been others who didn't register with Social Security]

CSRA purchases statistics (death records) from the Social Security Administration and in turn sells them. I recently purchased from them listings for various spellings for our family — YOUNKIN, YOUNGKIN, YOUNGKEN, YONKIN. Though some are incomplete - these lists include: deceased name, birth date, death date (at least the month of death), place of death, state of birth.

They will be invaluable to us in our research. There are many family members that still have been unable to obtain their ancestry and perhaps some of this information will help.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) began in 1934. Our greatest benefit of these records is that in order to obtain a Social Security number the person had to document proof of their age. The application itself has the person's date and place of birth and most of the time their parent's names. The SSA will photocopy these records for bona fide descendants if you provide 1) a copy of deceased death certificate and 2) their social security number (often this number is on their death certificate). If you do not have their Social Security number they will still do a search but they will probably charge for the time spent searching. If you don't have either of the above — try anyway — just send them as much information about the deceased as you can.

Write to: Social Security Administration; 6401 Security Blvd.; Baltimore, Md. 21235. Be patient — they take forever to do this but — it is worth the wait.

I will be happy to check these lists for you, just drop me a line and SASEs are always appreciated.



Siegen, Germany

This photo, of a street scene in Siegen, Germany, comes to us courtesy of a friend of Charlotte Anderson, of Glen Burnie, Md. [see her picture in Vol. 1 #4] Her friend is Sam Shaffer of Glen Burnie. On a recent trip to Germany, Sam enjoyed the privilege of tromping around our ancestor's territory — something many of us will only be able to dream about (myself included!). His trip notes offered educational insight on the history of the town. "Siegen was where ironmaking began in Europe. All the iron ore is gone now, and the steelmaking center of Germany has moved. There are still many companies there that coat steel strip, and also many that manufacture things of steel....Siegen was not bombed in World War II until late in 1944. It was bombed by the British. The big, above-ground concrete bomb shelter still stands; not too far from the church in this photograph" — thanks for sharing with us, Sam and Charlotte.



Ferne Ethlyn Beeman Smith

(daughter of Anna Jane (Younkin) Beeman)

[Photo courtesy of Laurel L. Posey, Granada Hills, Calif., taken about 1910. Ferne was 18 years old]

Phillip Pringley *Biography of a Pioneer*

It was the summer of his 80th year, August 29th to be exact, and sitting in his front yard as he often did, the old man alternately dozed and recollected various events in his life. Phillip Pringley, whose forebearers had helped in shaping Pennsylvania and West Virginia and who had himself pioneered in Iowa, had much to recall. Only a year ago Phillip had suffered a paralytic stroke, but had recovered. This trauma of the nearness of death had caused him to pause, to become more appreciative of both his accomplishments and of his family. It was as though he had been given a reprieve for a time to enjoy reflecting on the blessings of his life.

THE EARLY YEARS — Born in Somerset County, Pa. December 17, 1834, eldest son of Margret Younkun and Joseph Pringley, Phillip was to assume adult responsibilities early on. As frontiersmen, the Pringleys were farmers and Phillip, as soon as he was able, began accumulating chores, first helping inside the house, then "working" with Joseph around their Pennsylvania homestead.

Although his recollections of those early years were of relative tranquility, he vaguely remembered hearing discussions about the world outside of what was known locally as "Turkeyfoot" near the village of Confluence in Somerset county. There was talk of moving to more productive land, a bigger farm. On occasion, he would overhear discussions about national events. This was a period that historians later were to refer to as "America's adolescence," the awkward age of trial and error. Workers on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad were pushing west and Texas had declared its independence from Mexico (1836). The "Indian Removal" program (moving tribes west of the Mississippi) had hit several snags. Most of the tribes went without resistance, but the Sac and Fox of Wisconsin created a turmoil that resulted in the Blackhawk War. This "war" was a wholesale slaughter of Indians of all ages and both sexes. One little known militia captain who participated in that war was Abraham Lincoln. At the same time there was a war in Wisconsin, in Georgia, Cherokee Indians didn't resist but went to court and won their litigation battle. (Supreme Court, 1832 Worcester vs Georgia) However, they ultimately lost because Andrew Jackson would not support their civil rights by enforcing the courts' mandates. The result for the displaced Cherokees was the infamous Trail of Tears beginning in Georgia and ending in Oklahoma. Manifest Destiny, was in full swing...to be white—was right". But these important events were far from Somerset County, Pa. and the neighborhood called Turkeyfoot. Phillip's life was much more impacted by the birth of his brothers Ross (1836) and Frederick (1840), and then sister Catherine (1841). What fond memories Phillip had of his early childhood. The boys scouted the farm and played, seldom a cross word between them. Both sorrow and excitement were to intrude on their pleasant life however, baby Catherine only six, was taken ill and died soon after of a malady that was never fully explained. She was buried on the family farm, as was often the practice in those days.

ON TO PRESTON COUNTY — Shortly thereafter, in 1847², Joseph gathered his growing family of six that now included Herman (1842), John (1844), and Candace (1846), and announced that they would be moving to a new farm site just across the Pennsylvania line into Virginia.³ So it was that, like so many pioneer families, Margret "Peggy" Younkun Pringley and her husband Joseph loaded their children and the family possessions on wagons, tied the livestock to them and headed south.

Phillip, now 13, liked the new land. He recalled how it sloped southward, catching the sun's warmth even in winter. From the ridge where the house was built, you could see so far to the south that the hills and forests became lost in the haze. By following the trail road eastward a couple of miles a person could be in Clifton Mills, or by walking along Big Sandy Creek about three miles south, could arrive in Bruceton. Both were popular gathering and gossiping places. But some excitement occurred at home too, Abigail (1848), the youngest of the family, had arrived.

The family had only worked the Preston farm for four years when tragedy struck again. Joseph, only 38, died during spring planting in May of 1850. Not yet 16, Phillip now was the eldest male and with his mother, head of the household. For all practical purposes, whatever adolescent freedoms that youngsters of the mid-1800s were allowed, were denied Phillip. From that spring forward, he had become a man. Fourteen year old Ross and eleven year old Fredrick and the smaller children "worked" the farm with him. As he reflected on that memory, Phillip thought of his daughter Mollie's children: Ross, Lulu, Oda, and Harley...what uncomplicated lives they lived today, how times had changed by 1915.

Phillip was drawn back to his recollections about responsibilities after his father's death in 1850. They had buried Joseph in a field southeast of the house and marked the grave with a proper stone, he recalled. Then, it was only a little more than one year later that Ross, only 15, was buried beside Joseph. Here again, a sickness not fully understood claimed the third family member. Not yet 17, Phillip had become well acquainted with death, its sorrows and its responsibilities. For now he had lost not only a brother but a friend, and the family had lost the able assistance of another family member, an important factor for pioneer survival.

Meanwhile, the "adolescent nation" was living up to its name and experiencing economic and political change. The telegraph had been introduced in 1844. Upon learning that people in Texas could talk to people in Maine, noted writer Henry David Thoreau wondered aloud what they had to say to each other.⁴ The national road that had been started in Washington D.C. in 1815 had been completed as far as Vandalia, Illinois by 1852. This event was to prove meaningful to Phillip in later years. But of more immediate importance was a new book that described the plight of some negro slaves. Entitled "Uncle Tom's Cabin" this book, written by Harriet Beecher Stowe in 1852 described some of the circumstances relating to the Civil War, now less than ten years away. The book underscored a real problem, a conflict of rights and values that like so many things represented the "Good News and Bad News" that accompanied a growing country. It was a story about the mistreatment of blacks and the book reminded its readers that in 1619 there were 20 negro inhabitants in the colonies. Now in the 1850s there were nearly four million and they were not being given fair and equitable opportunities. Changes were on the horizon.

By the summer of 1856, Phillip, now 21, had been recognized by others in the community as a responsible adult. He had, of course, managed the family farm along with his mother, but greater evidence of his acceptance as an upstanding citizen was demonstrated when he was selected as a trustee of the newly organized Hazel Run Baptist Church.⁵ The church, founded July 1, 1856, was dedicated the following November and the inaugural sermon was given by brother I. D. King. Fredrick Pringley, now 16, was also included among the 36 original church members.

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Being part of the Hazel Run Church had many benefits Phillip recalled. Not only did it provide him with some prestige but it became a social center for the community. It was a place not only to worship but to share thoughts with friends on politics and other current events. In fact, it was during one of these discussions at a church social that he first really noticed Sarah.

During the fall of 1857, most of the crops had been harvested and it had been a good year for the congregation. A decision had been made to have a dinner following the Sunday sermon. Sarah Wheeler, nearly seventeen, had helped serve and Phillip, although he had known her since the congregation was formed, became more than slightly interested in Sarah from that day forward. In fact, it was only a short time later when he asked her father and mother, Smith and Hanna Wheeler for permission to "court" Sarah.

Sarah Margaret Wheeler was of early pioneer stock. Her mother's family had settled what in the late 1700's had been considered the west, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Her grandfather Daniel McCullom (1754-1842) had fought in the Revolutionary War as had his father James (1725-1800). At the time of the war's beginning Daniel then 21, was located in southern Pennsylvania. By its end he had risen to the rank of Ensign (2nd Lieutenant) in the second company of the Pennsylvania Associators of the Flying Camp, York County, Pennsylvania and had been wounded during the Battle for Long Island in July of 1776. Washington's army was badly beaten by the British Regulars that day.⁶ Right after the war in 1782, Daniel assisted his father James in building the first cabin in Preston County.⁷ The cabin was located about two miles north of Phillip's farm, as the crow flies.

Smith Wheeler (1800-1881), Sarah's father, had married James' daughter Hannah McCollum. The Wheeler family like the Pringleys had helped establish the Hazel Run church. Smith proved himself to be somewhat of a character. During the Civil War he enlisted in Company E of the Potomac Home Brigade, Maryland infantry at age 63. Years later, after he moved to Iowa, Smith, then 72, applied for a veterans pension claiming he had "suffered a hernia from lifting heavy boxes". Of course his claim was denied, but the family always had a good laugh over that incident.

Phillip and Sarah were married in October of 1858 before friends and family at Hazel Run Baptist Church. Sarah, not yet eighteen, became part of the Pringley clan just prior to what was to become a tumultuous period in the lives of most Americans, the Civil War. But, now, as Phillip recalled, there was a brief span of happiness until the Spring of 1861. Planting and harvesting, church activities and preaching by the Reverend George W. Hartzog, then occasional trips to Clifton and Bruceton Mills for supplies. And Preston County itself, what a beautiful place to live. Rolling hills, clear streams... Why the Big Sandy water was clean enough to drink... hunting was good too. Phillip remembered the deer with the fluffy "flag" tails. Sure not much of that in Cass County, Iowa, particularly not by 1915.

THE WAR YEARS — But then there was the war, and as the old man refocused his thoughts the memories came in a rush. There had been talk for ten years about the slavery problem, but it really hadn't caught the attention of the locals until John Brown had taken over the arsenal at Harpers Ferry, in October of 1859, about 100 miles east of Preston County.⁸ The campaign for president had created fodder for debate and people around Preston County were fiercely opposed to slavery. In fact, when it appeared that Virginia would secede from the Union, citizens in the western half of Virginia (the

mountaineers they were called) formed a new state and called it West Virginia.⁹ Phillip remembered that there had been hard feelings too. Although his brothers and himself were Unionists, some families were split and brother fought brother, one for the south and the other for the north. Shortly after the war had begun the peaceful existence in Preston County began to disintegrate. Military companies of men were formed, some locals joining West Virginia groups while others signed on with Maryland's soldiers. How rapidly events occurred. First, there was the firing on Fort Sumter in April of '61 and within a couple of months brother Herman and his friend Henson Liston had gone to Clarksburg, enlisted, and were off to war.¹⁰ Henson was courting Candace at the time. Candace, Phillips sister and then, barely sixteen, had taken Henson's enlistment pretty hard but love must have endured... they were married in 1864 and it had lasted 51 years so far by 1915.¹¹ Shortly after, in October of '61, Smith Wheeler came back from Bruceton Mills and announced that he had signed up with Colonel William Faulkenstein of the Maryland Potomac Home Battalion. Phillip had always thought that Smith, 63 at the time, had gotten into that moonshine down at the mill and someone dared him to enlist, but no one ever said much. Smith was mustered in during September of 1862.

Enlistments had tapered off a bit after that first patriotic surge. Everyone thought that this secession business would end quickly and the South would be whipped. After all, most of the odds were with the North. But it hadn't worked out that way and by the Spring of 1862 both sides could see this was going to be a long costly conflict.

Fred and John both were mustered in for three years during mid-August of that year, one at Kingwood and the other at Bruceton.

Soon after, the war gods reached out and touched the family taking Fredrick from them. Phillip's recollections about Fred were very clear even, now, fifty-two years later.¹² Fred had enrolled as a private, but by mid-summer had risen to the rank of 1st Sergeant. The next the family heard he had been captured and paroled at Harpers Ferry and was now a First Lieutenant. How proud mother Margaret had been, Fred an officer serving as a military escort on trains near Washington.¹³ At least he was safe from the fighting... or so they had thought. The whole family had been stunned when they received news of his death, not of wounds but of Typhoid fever. Fred had died of the fever while in his quarters at Camp Parole near Annapolis, Maryland and friends had brought his body home as far as Kingwood. Phillip remembered that cold day in January of '63 when they placed Fred near Father Joseph and Ross in the family plot.

The war had taken on a grim countenance then and Phillip had wanted to go, to serve, but that would have left the women alone. His mother, Sarah his wife and the boys Edward and Jud, his sisters Candace and Abigail, ... who would run the farm? So Phillip had stayed home and not reacted to impulse and, as it turned out, for good reason. Fred's death weighed heavily on his mother and in March of that same year, Phillip buried "Peggy" beside Joseph and Fred. Not yet 50 years old, she had just seemed to give in to worrying. After all if Fred could die in relative safety behind the lines, what about Herman and John who were in the thick of things?¹⁴ But there were to be no more Pringley deaths at least not for sometime. The war had ended in 1865 followed promptly by Lincoln's assassination and the turmoil surrounding the hanging of the conspirators. That same year Sarah presented Phillip with their third child Martha Jane¹⁴ and Candace had married Henson Liston. The previous year, in March, Abigail, Phillip's

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Younkin is supervising architect in construction of Nebraska Capital

Ground was broken on April 15, 1922 for the Nebraska Capital building and it is noted in the publication *The Capital — Lincoln, Nebraska* [copyright MCMXXII-The Capital Commission] that William Le Fevre Younkin was the "supervising architect" in its construction. The book states: "This general reference to the building would not be complete without a tribute to the Supervising Architect, Mr. Younkin, who directed the work at its very beginning and who has been in charge of the construction ever since. He has sacrificed much and suffered not a little, in the devoted fulfillment of his self-imposed obligation to carry through the Master's Dream as the Master would have wished it done."

Can You help ?

Quemahonning Twp, Pa. — Estate Records show the following: Michael Cocher, Estate #3 in the year 1808, Administration Bond filed: May 5, 1808. Administrator: Phillip Cocher. Witnesses: James Walker, Jacob Schneider and Alexander Ogle. Petition for partition and valuation of 100 acres of land. Mentions widow, Catherine, and eight children: Phillip, Catherine m. Valentine Stine, Barbara m. Michael Younkin, Polly m. David Barnhart, Elizabeth m. Jacob Faith, Christiana m. Jacob Lohr, Susanna m. George Edmund. In 1820 there is a Michael listed in the census records, then in 1830 a widow, Barbara, and no Michael. WHO IS THIS MICHAEL YOUNKIN?



John Wesley Younkin

The family of John Wesley Younkin and Ada Charlotte (King) Younkin — Left to right, Etta Pearl, Ada C. holding Paul Clifford on her lap, Cyrus, Adeline, John Wesley, Grant William, Edward, and Harry.

[Photo courtesy of Grant William Younkin and Margaret, his wife; photo taken about 1905]

[Grant William Younkin⁶, John Wesley Younkin⁵, Jacob W. Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin², Henry Junghen¹]

Somerset County will index search for the surname YOUNKIN

Researcher: S. McQuillis, of Pa. —
(years searched — 1795 to 1921)

Decedent	File #	Year
Abraham Younkin	42	1850
Amanda Younkin	105	1897
Balaam Younkin	13	1921
Delilah Younkin	41	1913
Eli S. Younkin	19	1858
Elizabeth Younkin	62	1871
Frederick Younkin	28	1843
Frederick F. Younkin	73	1885
Frederick J. Younkin	60	1882
Freeman Younkin	17	1898
Henry Younkin	17	1837
Herman Younkin	72	1885
Irvin Younkin	23	1895
Jacob Younkin	8	1811
Jacob Younkin (of John)	42	1848
Jacob C. Younkin	23	1894
Jacob W. Younkin	80	1883
James D. Younkin	106	1892
John Younkin	29	1832
John Younkin	36	1836
J. H. Younkin	27	1855
John J. Younkin	2	1840
Maria Younkin	35	1904
Mary J. Younkin	127	1915
Sarah Younkin	32	1912
Stella Irene Younkin	110	1905
Susan Younkin	3	1906
William Younkin	46	1849
William A. Younkin	92	1916

If you wish to order one of the above wills from the Somerset County Courthouse all you should have to do is tell them the decedants name and the file number and date. They should then write back to you with the cost of copying the file. CAUTION: some of these are quite thick so the cost may be high. Ask them how much first!



Margaret Mosier & Ivan Moon

Margaret Moon Mosier, left, born March 23, 1908, and brother, Ivan Moon, born March 15, 1908.

[Brother and sister— Ivan & Margaret Moon⁶ — Margaret m. #1 Donald Duff, #2 R. Taylor Mosier, James Walter Moon⁷, Andrew Jackson Moon m. Harriet V. Younkin⁴, Jacob W. Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henry Junghen¹]



Wesley D. & Mary Younkin

[Wesley D. Younkin⁵ m. Mary Keger, Jacob C. 'Jake' Younkin⁴,
Frederick F. Younkin³, Frederick G. Younkin², Henry Junghen¹]



(Drawing by Jennifer Janell Logan, 1991)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Donna,

I am most interested in your family newsletter. I have HARBAUGHS, WEIMER, KING, PRINGEY, KING, RUSH and oodles more in my line. Some direct, some not. Weimer is not real direct. My first grandfather in America was Casper Harbaugh who married Mary Cramer and his only daughter Barbara married Frederick Weimer II. I have that line done and I own the J. L. Coopridge book *The Harbaugh Family*, which I have sent to Mass. to have a company [Higginson Books, Derby Square, Salem, Mass. 01970] reprint. I've received both my own and a reprint for letting them use it. I will enclose a note on it, in case you are interested....

Sincerely, E. Irene Taylor
223 Orchard Ave.
Canonsburg, Pa. 15317

Irene suggests if you are interested in this book you write Higginson Books at the above address to the attention of Emily Weldon and say that E. Irene Taylor recommended you and the cost should be \$49.50 + \$2. p & h. - when the book comes out in the catalog it will be \$66.

Frederick G. Younkin

Frederick G. Younkin was born 15 Oct 1763 in Bucks County, Pa. He was the son of Johan Henrich and Catherine Scherer Junghen/Younkin.

Frederick married first, Maria Barbara Dieter, by whom he had at least one child, also named Frederick. Maria died quite young, and Frederick decided to move farther west and join his brothers who had gone to Loudoun Co., Va. and Bedford Co., Pa.

He left the child, Frederick, probably in the care of his mother [Eysler's article "Junghen Family in Bucks County", YFNB Vol.1 #2]. Young Frederick grew to manhood in Bucks County and became a millright. The report "of his accidental is recorded in *The Bucks County Intelligencer*, November 6, 1838."

Frederick married second to Catharine Patton. They were the parents of a large family. Frederick died on 7 August 1843 at his farm in Somerset. Catharine died 17 June 1854 also in Somerset County.

The following are parts of several letters I've received from Kay Younkin Wilson, of Markleton, Pa. Kay is the wife of Gerald A. Wilson and a daughter of Gerald Ross Younkin.

"I guess you would say I'm the 9th generation of Younkens. Frederick and his wife Catharine [Patton] are buried here. My dad Gerald R. Younkin had to remove the headstones, because of pasturing of the animals. The graveyard is in very poor condition because of another long stroy to do with the highway that was built many years ago through here.

"Frederick's stone is in poor condition, but, is legible, 'Died Aug. 7, 1843 —years 80'. Catharine's is in very good condition, but, these headstones are in our barn. One day while my parents were away a person hunting his past came and lined the headstones along the fence (to take a picture) and never put them back. My parents were furious. [As well they should have been, Kay—editor] Dad put them back where he remcmbered and later laid them down because of the cows.

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Farm of Frederick Younkin

Frederick G. Younklin
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"The reason I started my hunt for the past was quite by accident. The PA. farm Bureau in Harrisburg was looking for farms over 100 years old, well, I knew our was old — but, it had to have been in the family 100 years. BOY, did I meet a challenge." Enclosed in her next letter were two priceless photographs [see photos] here is Kay's description of them. Jacob C. is the one who built the original buildings here on the farm, which I think is the man in the center. This is my house. On the side with the dinner bell, above the porch, two rooms were added. Also we have replaced the windows with "Anderson" to look the same as the pictures do.

"On the picture — where the horses are standing is Route 281. The original road is below 281 and is still there where the mud made a large mound across the field. The one house is gone. The smoke house was replaced with a new shed. Both garages are gone and one now one was put up on the right. The barn was split by 10 ft. and 40 ft. added on the right side which made it one of the three largest barns in Somerset County not long ago. It also has a feed shed and silo added to it. The Barb is now 120 ft. x 50 ft. (the original was 80 x 40) plus a milk house. The whole farm is painted in green and white. You can't miss it. Everyone gives directions by our farm because Markleton Road is about 500 yards from the house."

Kay gives the lineage of the farm as "Frederick, Frederick Jr., Jacob C. [who built the present buildings], W. D., Jacob Ross, James M., Gerald Ross to Kay Lynn Younklin Wilson."

Thanks for sharing your stories with us all and a special thank you for going to all the trouble I know you did getting these photographs done so we all could enjoy them.

We can learn even more about the lives of the descendants of Frederick G. from the letters of Frederick Elijah Younklin that were published in the old YOUNKIN FAMILY NEWS BULLETINS. Frederick G. was Frederick Elijah's great-grandfather.

A letter written by Frederick Elijah to John H. Younklin of Carbondale, Ill. dated Feb 17, 1932 —

J. H. Younklin
R.D. No. 3, Box 49
Carbondale, Ill.

My dear Mr. Younklin,

I have yours of the 15th, and in reply will say that my father was born near Kingwood, Somerset, Pa., along about 1825, and my grandfather was Frederick F. Younklin, who lived and died at the birthplace of my father, Michael Younklin. Somerset County is the next county to the east of Fayette County, in which the City of Connelville is located.

When my father was, say eight or ten years old, grandfather, Frederick F. Younklin, aforesaid, took him to Terre Haute, Indiana, and upon the death of my grandmother, grandfather moved back to Pennsylvania, and my father, Michael Younklin, started wandering, left Terre Haute, and went to Kankekee, Illinois, and then wandered over into Iowa, Dubuque, Pella, Oskaloosa, Ottumwa, etc. and began to work for the Western Stage Company, which then ran relays of Concord Stages from there Westward, my father driving a Concord Stage for this company for more than eighteen years.

At one time father was married in Chillicothe, Missouri, and his first wife died, and after he left Iowa, after working for the stage company, he wandered into Kansas, Nebraska, Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, Texas, and went up to Arkansas. Then had the notion to go to Washington Territory on the

Pacific coast, now the State of Washington, and thought that he would come back and see his father near Kingwood, Pa., before he finally went to the West coast, he being a man of forty-nine years, having wandered and been away from home thirty-five years, being about fourteen years old when he separated from his father in Terre Haute, having refused to go back with grandfather, and hid in a cornfield of a nearby farm until he saw his father had turned eastward.

Grandfather, Frederick F. Younklin, was married twice, and had four children by the first wife, my father, Michael, being the oldest, then Uncle Jake (Jacob C.), Aunt Mary and Aunt Agnes. Uncle Jake lived and died about a mile from the old homestead, where Grandfather Younklin lived and Mary married a man by the name of Griffiths, and went to Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois, not far from Carbondale, and died there some years ago.

Stanley Scott, the son of Edgar Scott, the brother of my wife, who lives in Carbondale, Ill., went to see Aunt Mary Griffiths at my insistence some years ago, and found that she had just died at Murphysboro, and he talked with some of the sons and daughters, and other relatives of Aunt Mary. Aunt Mary sent me a picture of herself and Mr. Griffiths, and I saw her once when I was eight or ten years old at our old home in Somerset County, where my father lived and died, and she was on a visit from Illinois to Pennsylvania.

The enclosed clipping will show you I went to school at Valparaiso, Indiana, from 1896 to 1900, and thereafter during part of the year of 1902, and took an A.B. and B.S. degree. In 1900, I went to Lake Villa, Ill., the Northwestern County of your state, and became principal of the High School there, and was there one year teaching ten months in the year. ...

At one time, when I was sitting at a table in East Hall, Valparaiso, Ind. where I was taking meals, there came a young man from southern Indiana to our table, and he was introduced to me, and when he heard my name, he said, "That is a very familiar name in my home in the southern part of Indiana, as there is a whole colony of Younkkins down there."

Frank Younklin lived and died in Bullskin Twp., this county, and was a prosperous farmer and cattle raiser at Pennsville, about four miles out of Connelville. Connelville has many Younkkins. There are twenty-two Younkkins named in the city directory of Connelville, as I just now counted them, and I have no doubt that your grandfather, John Harrison Younklin, came from Somerset or Fayette County, or Westmoreland County, as there are Younkkins all through these counties. They are Pennsylvania Dutch, and my mother told me at one time that my father could not speak a word of English, as he had been brought up to speak Pennsylvania Dutch, but after he wandered through the West for thirty-five years, and I first learned to know him, I never heard him speak Dutch, but my mother whose mother was a Younklin too [see note below!], could talk Pennsylvania Dutch up to the time of her death, although her father was a native of Ireland, McClintock, and her mother's name was Mary Younklin, the sister of "Dorcas" Jake Younklin, there being so many Jake Younkkins that they identified each one of them by putting the given name of their wife before their surname. One of the sons of Dorcas Jake Younklin is the County Surveyor of Somerset County, is about seventy-nine years old, and can go over the hills yet like a greyhound. His name is Colwell [sometimes called "Caldwell"] Younklin. Of course, he is the first cousin of my mother.

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I Married a Younkin

by Larry Logan

Hello again fellow I.M.A.Y.s, and hello to all you Younkins as well. Today is Super Bowl Sunday (and if you're a golfer, you know it's the Senior Skins Game). It's also near the end of the second week of war in the Persian Gulf. The war is the big concern. War gives everything a different perspective. The final outcome of a golf match or a football game is really no big deal. The war is serious. It's important. It is the BIG DEAL.

Now as you know from past I.M.A.Y. columns (or at least as I hope you know from past columns), my attempts in writing these things are to inject a little humor into this Younkin Family News Bulletin. Granted, most of the humor is at the expense of the blood-line Younkins in the family. And while the humor might be a little "biting" or "sarcastic" at times, I really mean no serious harm. After all, I do share my life with a Younkin. (And that particular Younkin usually always come out with the best part of the deal). But for this particular column, I am not going to take a single "cheap shot" at any Younkin. And the reason for this is the war. I know that we have at least one Younkin, probably some in-laws of Younkins, and even some very close friends of Younkins who are serving in the Gulf. I totally admire their efforts, and the personal sacrifices that they are making. In honor of these individuals, there will be no "Younkin-bashing" in this issue. They will only receive my thanks, my gratitude, and my wishes for a speedy and safe return.

I don't know how the war will be going when you receive this issue of the Bulletin. My sincere hope is that it will be over, or that at least it will be wrapping-up. And for certain, I hope that by the next issue, three months from now, we will have reached a successful conclusion and I can get back to my job of 'Younkin bashing', or 'bcilittling', or 'fun-poking' in general.

But what am I going to do for the rest of this issue? My job is humor, and there's a war going on. There is nothing funny about war. War is about death, destruction, and waste. It is the maximum stress. And what do Americans do when stress is at the maximum. Oddly enough, they usually resort to humor to relieve that stress. Humor is sometimes the only thing that keeps you from going crazy.

A friend of mine came up to me last Friday and said, "Hey, did you hear the latest news bulletin? It's been announced that the Polish government has sent 100,000

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youngest sister, had married Jacob Martin. By the summer of '65 the family was pretty well settled and the talk had turned from reminiscing about the recent conflict to thinking of the future. Both Herman and John were back were back home to help now, but that had become part of the problem. The farm was just too small to support these growing families and there just wasn't any new farmland to be found in West Virginia. Back in 1862, the government had approved a new land settlement idea, the Homestead Act. By going west and staking out 160 acres and living there for five years the land could be yours owned free and clear. Homesteading was becoming a common word in the farmer's vocabulary. Phillip remembered that the republican campaign slogan in 1856 had been "vote yourself a farm". That idea had been opposed by southern plantation owners because the newly settled land would be chopped into 160 acre parcels and eliminate the probability of more plantations being developed further west...and more slavery sympathizers.

WEST TO IOWA — (continued in the next issue)

By, D. Bruce Howell
December, 1989

¹This was all part of what later would be termed "manifest destiny" by a writer named John O'Sullivan. This was a term for a double standard of conduct. From *Pathways To The Present*, Harper-Row, 1976.

²As reported by John Pringey in his autobiography in the *History of Cass County*, p668. Helen Robertson reports it as 1846 in *The Robertson and Mays Families*, 1969, p144.

³Later in 1863 this part of Virginia would secede, become West Virginia and join the North during the Civil War.

⁴p. 156 *Pathways To The Present*, Harper-Row, 1976.

⁵*Genealogy of Some Early Preston County Families*, Genealogical Publishing Co., Balt. Md., 1977

⁶Howell, Bruce; unpublished paper. *The McCullom Connection, Pioneers, Soldiers, and Citizens*, 1982.

⁷*Morton's History of Preston County*, 1913, p373. The original cabin is still standing and is currently owned as a vacation home by Glen and Betsy Copens.

⁸Brown's efforts failed, he was captured and hung December 2, 1859.

⁹West Virginia

¹⁰Henson Liston enlisted June 28, 1861 followed by Herman the next day.

Both men enlisted in the infantry for three years.

¹¹The marriage of Phillip's sister, Candace, to Henson lasted 74 years. They both died in 1938.

¹²After skirmishing with confederates at Franklin, Wadensville, and Moorefield, Fred's company was captured and paroled. Following the Battle of Bolivar Heights at Harpers Ferry. The unit was then assigned to railroad guard duty.

¹³Records indicate Herman participated in eight battles including Second Bull Run. John's participation was much more limited.

¹⁴Phillip and Sarah's third child



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troops to the Gulf". I bit on it, and said, "Really?" "Yeah", he said, "but the Mexican government doesn't know what to do with them."

See? Stress relief.

Or what about the Yuppie couple in San Francisco who cancelled their plans to go to the anti-war rally when it was announced that Saddam had started to pump millions of gallons of oil into the Persian Gulf. "Well now, we'll have to support the war", they said. "Up to this point, Saddam Hussein had only invaded and killed his neighbors, murdered his own people, deployed chemical weapons, tried to develop nuclear weapons, and shot missiles at civilian populations. But now he's killing innocent sea birds and porpoises! Well, enough is enough!"

Saddam is a mean and vicious bully. Think back to grade school. There was always at least one bully who pushed everyone around, stole lunch money, and constantly picked on the physically weaker classmates. Finally, someone wouldn't take it anymore, and usually beat the crap out of the bully. In most all cases, the guy who beat up the bully, and the bully, would eventually become friends. That's not the case with Saddam. If Saddam was beaten up in the school yard, he would not make friends. He's the type that would come back and destroy the bicycle of the kid that put him down. The only thing that has been funny about Saddam Hussein so far, is his incredible stupidity about the bombing of the "Baby Milk Plant". He provided pictures to the western press of the destruction of this "innocent" baby milk producing factory. The uniforms of the Iraqi employees working in the "innocent" factory had the words: "BABY MILK PLANT" printed across their backs -- *in English!* I guess that's as close as Saddam comes to having any kind of a sense of humor.

That's enough for now - I'm starting to get too serious again. May the next issue bring us all peace, and from the standpoint of humor, may we all have the last laugh on Saddam.

Frederick G. Younk

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...Reverend James A. Younk, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh Conference for thirty years, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., and he told me at one time that there were many Younkens in that county.

I notice that the Younkens are dying out in your community. They are a pretty hearty race of people, and have been mostly farmers through the years. One of them, Attorney Garfield Younk, graduated Ohio Northern University at Ada, practiced law for a while, lost his health, and is now principal of schools at Phoenix, Az., or near there. His cousin, Ira D. Younk, is a prominent wholesale man of this city, and is now the Council of the city.

Blair and Ralph have executive positions with the Capstan Glass Company of South Connellsville. They are the sons of Milton R. Younk, who came here from Draketown, Lower Turkeyfoot Township, Somerset, Pa.

...Frank Younk never lived in Connellsville, but in Pennsville, aforesaid, although there are several persons by that name. Frank Younk Sr., whose brother, Elmer, was

killed the fall of 1929, just outside of Connellsville, and they tried Captain R. C. Bledsoe of the B. & O. police for murdering him. Also, J. Frank Younk, a brother of Ira David Younk, comes to my office frequently as we have had business with him through the years. John F. Younk lived and died at Paddytown, below Kingwood, and he was the son of Herman Younk, who was the brother of my maternal grandmother, Mary Younk, as you have noticed. I am related to one branch of the Younkens on my father's side and another branch on my mother's side. There are Younkens in Jersey settlement, near Draketown aforesaid, there being several of them there.

...Ross Younk worked for years for my father-in-law, Noah Scott, and one of his daughters lives in Connellsville.

I hope I have answered your questions, at least some of them, and I forgot to say that my grandfather, Frederick F. Younk, was married twice, and has six or eight children by the second wife. One of them is Uncle Henry Younk, who had a bunch of boys, and they are around Somerset County.

Yours truly,
F. E. Younk

UPDATE: on this line

From Olive Duff — On Elijah Crossen/Crossan's estate papers there was a little difference that I detected while reading thru the 1880 census last week for Upper Turkeyfoot Twp. I came across this item — all living in the same household: Michael Younk (age 52); wife, Maria (age 45); Frederick (age 6); Mary (age 4); George Crossan (age 18) stepson; Emma (age 16) step-daughter. In the Lael Messengers compiled Somerset Co. newsletters book, page 278, states Elijah Crossan married Maria McClintock on Nov. 27, 1853. I checked the 1850 census to see if they were listed and Elijah was with his parents in Upper Turkeyfoot and the only Maria was the one with Mary Younk and Jonas Younk. Elijah died March 9, 1869. I have also read that Maria deeded all or part of her property to a George Crossan. I haven't found a Mary as the mother of this Maria McClintock.

Robert J. Younkens serves in Gulf



E-4 Robert J. Younkens, son of Donald and Debra Younkens of Fairmont, W.Va., is presently serving in Saudi Arabia. His address is Robert J. Younkens, 234-21-3295, HHHC 20th Engineer Battalion, Operation Desert Shield, APO New York, NY, 09657.

[Times-West Virginian, Sunday, Jan. 20, 1991—Marion County, W. Va.]

I am sure Mr. Younkens would appreciate hearing from his "cousins"! — Donna Younk Logan, Editor

Daniel of Rockwood...

Daniel Younkin, a representative citizen of Rockwood, was born April 1, 1857, in Upper Turkeyfoot township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. His parents were John M. and Laura (Miner) Younkin, whose children were: Mary, Catherine, deceased; William S., Jacob, Millie, Charles, Josiah, Daniel, Josephine, and David, deceased. John M. Younkin (father) was born in Lower Turkeyfoot township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, was a farmer by occupation, and his remains were interred at Kingwood, Somerset County. His ancestors were natives of Germany.

At age fourteen years, after completing a common school education, Daniel Younkin secured employment with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and continued the same for a period of two years. He then removed to Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, where for fourteen years he was engaged in making boats, and then returned to Somerset County, locating in Rockwood. The first year he worked for a Mr. Wolf, and since then has been employed as laborer on the tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. He is a Republican in politics.

In 1878 Mr. Younkin married Elmira Zimmerman, born in New Salem, Ohio, December 19, 1853, and their children are as follows: Catherine, deceased; Gertrude married John Weaver; Mary E., deceased; John W. E., Malzena, Lulu Malinda, deceased; Georgia M. Mrs Younkin is a daughter of William and Mary (Yates) Zimmerman, who children were John E., Amanda, Elmira (Mrs. Daniel Younkin), Jennie, Emma, Anna, Catherine, Barbara, Sadie, William, deceased; and Mary E., deceased. William Zimmerman, a descendant of a German ancestry, was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and throughout his active career gave time and attention to farming. Mr. Younkin and his family are highly respected in the community in which they reside.

[Source: History of Bedford and Somerset Counties, Page 280]



Queries...

Nesta Rosendale — I am enclosing three sheets that were given to me at our SHOWMAN REUNION in 1979 by a cousin, the late Elsie Channing. Elsie was a retired school teacher. Elsie got these three sheets from a Nellie Younkin Wiley from Connellsville. I have had no luck so far in locating her descendants. The way it is written I assume Nellie wrote it for Elsie. I makes me think that Nellie wrote most from her knowledge and with the dates, I would assume that she is from that line.

Page 1 & 2 seems to answer some questions that I saw asked as to Polly younkin's parents.

I descend from David and Jane Younkin Showman. Jane being the daughter of George and Nancy (Johnson) Younkin. I would like to know if anyone has any information concerning the above David's parents. Often times people would record Jane Younkin Showman married David Showman, son of ____.

[editor's note — I received this too late to get the history Nesta sent in with this letter in this issue so I will have it in the next issue — meantime those interested can write to Nesta at 435 E. Georgia Ave., Connellsville, Pa. 15425]



A new branch of the tree — Amanda Leigh Engleka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Engleka. Amanda was born December 12, 1990 and weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces. She is the granddaughter of Avis Younkin Engleka. [Amanda Leigh¹⁰, Arthur C. Engleka⁹, Avis Engleka⁸, William Chalmers Younkin⁷, Harvey C. Younkin⁶, William Lincoln Younkin⁵, Frederick J. Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henry Junghen¹]



Howard and Olive Duff

[Howard Duff⁷, Margaret Moon⁶ m. #1 Donald Duff, #2 R. Taylor Mosier, James Walter Moon⁵, Andrew Jackson Moon m. Harriet V. Younkin⁴, Jacob W. Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henry Junghen¹]

???? What does this mean ????

I received a letter from one of our subscribers asking me to explain "how to read the chart following a story on someone."

[Donna⁸, Donald⁷, Karst⁶, William⁵, Aaron⁴, Dr. Jonas³, Jacob², Henry¹]

Henry¹ = the immigrant, Johan Henry Junghen
Jacob² = Jacob Younkin, son of Johan Henry Junghen
Dr. Jonas³ = Dr. Jonas Younkin, son of Jacob, son of Johan Henry Junghen

— and so on down the chart, adding a generation with each person. In future issues I will add the surnames after given names and hopefully this will make it easier for you to follow.

Those of you who have been able to trace your family line back to Johan Henry Junghen will be able to use these little charts to see just how the 'subject person' is related to you. I apologize for the confusion.



The Family of Moses and Frances (Turner) Younkin (seated) — Left to right: William Street, Edward Francis, Caroline, Charles W.(?), Agnes Ellen, Albert Tell, and Anna Jane Younkin. Missing are Franklin Lafayette and John W. Younkin.

[Photo courtesy of Marian Smith Posey of Granada Hills, Ca.]

[Moses Younkin⁴, Henry F. Younkin³, Frederick G. Younkin², Henry Junghen¹]

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